

House File 2364 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2015)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a committee to study
2 professional licenses administered or supervised by the
3 department of public health's professional licensure
4 division.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. PROFESSIONAL LICENSING LEGISLATIVE INTERIM
2 COMMITTEE.

3 1. The legislative council is requested to establish a
4 legislative interim committee composed of five members of the
5 house of representatives and five members of the senate to meet
6 during the 2014 legislative interim, to study professional
7 licenses administered or supervised by the department of public
8 health's professional licensure division.

9 2. The committee shall work in conjunction with the
10 department of public health to conduct a study of professional
11 licenses and evaluate the effects of such licensing on the
12 economy and on public health and safety. The scope of the
13 evaluation pursuant to this section is limited to licenses
14 regulated by a board receiving administrative and clerical
15 support from the department of public health's professional
16 licensure division pursuant to section 135.11A. The study
17 shall include all of the following:

18 a. Identification of all professional licenses,
19 registrations, and certifications administered or supported
20 by the department of public health's professional licensure
21 division.

22 b. A review of all regulations and continuing education
23 requirements for each license, registration, or certification
24 and a comparison of those regulations and requirements to other
25 states' regulations and requirements for similar professions.

26 c. An evaluation of whether the requirements and
27 regulations for each profession are important in protecting
28 public health and safety or whether the requirements and
29 regulations are intended to address other issues.

30 d. A determination of whether the requirements and
31 regulations pertain to all licensees within the profession
32 or whether any licensees are exempt from the requirements or
33 regulations, as well as an evaluation of the possible reasons
34 for any exemptions or exceptions.

35 e. A determination of whether any regulation or requirement

1 is onerous to a particular professional.

2 f. A determination of whether specific professional
3 licenses, registrations, or certifications, or regulations,
4 requirements, or training for such licenses, registrations,
5 or certifications are necessary for public health and safety,
6 recommendations on the elimination of certain professional
7 licenses, registrations, or certifications, or regulations,
8 requirements, or training for such licenses, registrations, or
9 certifications, other recommendations, and cost projections for
10 any recommendations.

11 g. Other information the committee deems relevant.

12 3. The committee shall submit its findings and
13 recommendations to the general assembly by January 15, 2015.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill requests the legislative council to establish a
18 legislative interim committee to study professional licenses
19 administered or supervised by the department of public health's
20 professional licensure division and the regulations and
21 requirements for those licenses.

22 The bill directs the committee to work with the Iowa
23 department of public health (IDPH) to conduct a study of
24 professional licenses to evaluate the effects of licensing on
25 the economy and on public health and safety. The evaluation
26 is limited to licenses regulated by a board receiving
27 administrative and clerical support from IDPH's professional
28 licensure division. The bill states that the study must
29 include all of the following: the identification of all
30 professional licenses, registrations, and certifications
31 administered or supervised by IDPH's professional licensure
32 division; a review of regulations and training requirements
33 for each license, registration, or certification and a
34 comparison to other states; an evaluation of the rationale
35 for the requirements and regulations for each professional

1 license; a review of exceptions or exemptions from regulations
2 and requirements for professional licensure; a determination
3 of the hardship of regulations or requirements for the
4 professional licensure; and recommendations for elimination of
5 regulations or requirements for professional licensure, or the
6 elimination of certain professional licenses, registrations,
7 or certifications.

8 The bill directs the committee to submit its findings to the
9 general assembly by January 15, 2015.